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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**SEMI DRIVER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR  
\$1.7 MILLION IN COCAINE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that NATHAN KING, 38, Greenville, Mississippi, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine. This case was the result of a traffic stop conducted on I-70 eastbound by the Indianapolis Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration.

KING was stopped on I-70 in Indianapolis on October 27, 2003, driving a semi-tractor trailer while traveling from southern California to New Jersey with a load of lettuce. Police

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found a hidden compartment in the rear of the semi-tractor which contained approximately 17.4 kilograms of cocaine. Drug Enforcement Administration officials estimated the street value of the cocaine to be approximately \$1.7 million dollars.

According to Assistant United States Attorney John E. Dowd, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 10 years supervised release following KING's release from imprisonment.

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